



## Smoke Signals

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### SOMETHING NEW TO THE SMOKE SIGNALS

**We need your feedback!** We are adding a new staple to the Smoke Signals – **QUESTION OF THE ISSUE**. Every issue we publish will include a question regarding issues you think are important and we would like you to respond to our email address: [village@indianpoint-mo.gov](mailto:village@indianpoint-mo.gov). We welcome your input as to any issue facing our Village. For example, "Here's a good question for an upcoming issue", "I have a problem with \_\_\_\_\_", etc.

The question for this issue is:

**In order to save taxpayer dollars, would you prefer to receive future issues of the Smoke Signals by mail, email or our website?** Please email us your preference for receiving future emails at: [village@indianpoint-mo.gov](mailto:village@indianpoint-mo.gov)

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### PUBLIC FORUMS ANNOUNCED

There will be 3 public informational forums held at the Municipal Building meeting room regarding the **ballot issues and to meet the candidates for office on the next Municipal ballot on April 3, 2017**. The ballot issue dates are: **Wednesday, March 21, at 2 PM, Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 31 at 2PM**. The Meet the Candidates event sponsored by Indian Point Women's Club for Indian Point Trustees and Reeds Spring School Directors on **Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 PM**.

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### PET FOOD DRIVE

As in past elections, Carole Kurtz has organized a pet food drive to benefit the Tri-Lakes Animal Shelter, a no-kill shelter, in Reeds Spring. Your donation of dog and cat food, litter, paper towels, newspapers, old blankets and towels, etc., as well as cash donations will be extremely appreciated.

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### ELECTION DAY!

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON APRIL 3, 2018!!! POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6 AM TO 7 PM.** The issues on the ballot are 1) Stone County Health Department – increase property tax from \$0.0785 to \$0.157 per \$100 assessed valuation for 9 years to construct a new facility in Reeds Spring; 2) Elect 2 Directors for Reeds Spring R-IV School District; 3) Elect 2 Trustees for the Indian Point Board of Trustees; and 4) Impose a sales tax of one-half of 1% solely for Roads including Construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of Village roads and streets.

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### VILLAGE OF INDIAN POINT OFFICE NEWS

We are pleased to welcome Susan Baker as Deputy Village Clerk and Department of Public Works clerk. The office will be open Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Progress is being made to keep our website, [www.indianpoint-mo.gov](http://www.indianpoint-mo.gov), up-to-date and as well as regular publication of the Smoke Signals. Please bear with us as we make these upgrades in our services to the community.

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## INDIAN POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

The department now has 2 officers with FAA certifications in its newly formed Unmanned Surveillance program and is awaiting certification for night operation. This program was formed to enable the Department to save money and manhours when trying to locate a missing person or fugitive. For more information or questions, please attend the next "Coffee with the Chief" event. Our "Coffee with the Chief" events are growing! This event is sponsored by Indian Point Women's Club and held every other month. The next meeting will be held in April at the Municipal Building meeting room - time and date to be announced. Congratulations are in order for Chief Hamlin and K-9 Officer on their successful completion of their third annual K-9 certification.

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## ROADS DEPARTMENT

In the last 3 years, Indian Point has completed approximately one-third of the repair and resurfacing of Village streets and roads. In order to facilitate even more progress for improvement of our streets and roads, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to place a Sales Tax question of the April 3, 2018, ballot. The additional sales tax requested is in the amount of one-half of 1%. The revenue from this sales tax collected will be mandated for Roads and will be used only for Road Improvements, including construction, resurfacing, maintenance and repair and related maintenance expenses such as drainage to maintain the existing road beds.

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

We have started using a new program for billing our customers on the Jakes Creek Sewer Project. This will allow for the department to be more cost efficient and accurate in our procedures. You will see the new invoicing effective with the March billing cycle which will be mailed on or before March 25, 2018. All subsequent billing will be mailed on the first working day of each month.

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## INDIAN POINT RECYCLING PROGRAM

**The Recycling Center is looking for volunteers! Our Recycling Center is open every Thursday (weather permitting) from 9 AM to 11 AM and accepts paper, plastic (except bags) tin and aluminum – no glass.** If you have an hour a month, please consider volunteering to help keep our Village (and planet) environment a cleaner place to live. Please contact the Village Office at 338-5599 or Betty at 417-263-0436 if you would like to join in this effort.

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## INDIAN POINT WOMEN'S CLUB

The Indian Point Women's Club (IPWC), a social organization, has invited all ladies who are part-time or full-time residents on Indian Point to attend our luncheons. They raise money for local charities/causes and the annual membership dues are \$10 annually which is donated to their sponsored charities. This year their charity is the Village Angel Fund to benefit K-9 Officer Angel to help the Village defray costs for training, medical or even food expenses. In the past they have adopted Stone County families at Christmas, supported the Backpack Program at Reeds Spring elementary school and the Stone County Food Bank among other charitable causes. They normally meet the first Monday of the month with no meetings in July and August at 11:30 AM at local affordable venues and usually adjourn by 2 PM. Each attendee is responsible for her lunch costs. For more information, please contact Sharon McSpadden, President at 417-942-5025 or email at [IPWContheLake@outlook.com](mailto:IPWContheLake@outlook.com). IPWC looks forward to seeing you at one of the luncheons soon!

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